

# **Data Collection Training Systems Change Support Activities (Aggregate Data)**

Statewide Data Collection  
and Evaluation of First 5  
California Funded  
Programs



# Goals of Training

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- To define “systems change support aggregate data” and provide examples of data collection.
- To learn what kinds of questions can be answered from the data.
- To learn how to use the Systems Change Support data collection tool.

# Systems Change Support Activities

## Definition

Activities that support improvement in the systems caring for young children and their families (in addition to those described in the other four data collection tools: Direct Services, Community Strengthening Efforts, Provider Capacity Building/Support, and Infrastructure Investments).

The Systems Change Support Activities data collection tool collects information about ***what*** activities occurred.

**Systems  
Change Support  
Activities  
should be  
entered once  
per fiscal year.**

# What questions can systems change data answer?

- How many funded programs were trained to conduct evaluations and use data?
- How many programs were working on improving civic engagement?
- How many programs reported supporting involvement of residents on policy boards and in program implementation?
- How many programs reported doing outreach to underrepresented providers?

# Systems Change Support Activities

## Example

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Mar Vista Elementary has an active Parent Advisory Committee. The committee meets quarterly with the school district to discuss system-wide changes to improve access to preschool for all children in the county.

# Systems Change Support

## Data collection tool

Let's use our example to complete the Systems Change Support data collection tool.

Enter the **program name**.

Systems Change Support Data Collection Tool

Program Name Parent Advisory Committee

Dates/Duration Information:

Single or Start Date: 07 / 01 / 2004 End Date: 06 / 30 / 2005

Enter the **date** when the systems change activity was conducted, or enter a **date range** for activities conducted over a period of time.

# Systems Change Support

## Activity category definition

Activity categories that support improvement in the systems.

Systems Change Support activity categories:

- Results-based accountability
- Civic engagement
- Advocating for policy changes or new legislation
- Raising or leveraging of funds
- Service quality
- Working competently with diverse populations
- Interagency collaboration
- Accessibility of services

Refer to the funded program glossary for definitions of specific activities.

# Systems Change

## Data collection tool

Mark **all** activities that apply.

Directions: Please mark (X) ALL systems change support activities that apply.

Activity Category	
<b>Results-based accountability</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Training funded programs to conduct evaluations and use data	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Conducting research or evaluation (e.g., community surveys, local evaluation)
<input type="checkbox"/> Conducting community asset mapping/needs assessment	<input type="checkbox"/> Other results-based accountability
<b>Civic engagement</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Supporting involvement of residents on policy boards/commissions and in program implementation	<input type="checkbox"/> Other civic engagement
<input type="checkbox"/> Community planning efforts involving residents	
<b>Advocating for policy changes or new legislation</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Meeting with/educating policy-makers	<input type="checkbox"/> Other advocating for policy changes or new legislation
<input type="checkbox"/> Preparing documents to support policy changes	
<b>Raising or leveraging of funds</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Writing proposals to request additional funds	<input type="checkbox"/> Other raising or leveraging of funds
<input type="checkbox"/> Preparing/implementing sustainability plans	
<b>Service quality</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Developing or monitoring service quality standards	<input type="checkbox"/> Other service quality improvement
<input type="checkbox"/> Developing new training materials for service providers	
<b>Working competently with diverse populations</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Developing or adapting programs and materials specifically for diverse populations (ethnic, language, cultural, disabilities, other special needs). Includes translation	<input type="checkbox"/> Outreach to underrepresented providers
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other working competently with diverse populations
<b>Interagency collaboration</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Establishing or maintaining centralized registries and databases	<input type="checkbox"/> Organizing/facilitating interagency meetings/work among providers to coordinate cases
<input type="checkbox"/> Organizing/facilitating administrative-level meetings/work to share information, coordinate, and make joint decisions	<input type="checkbox"/> Developing systems to blend funding streams
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other interagency collaboration
<b>Accessibility of services</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Universal health care or augmentation of health insurance	<input type="checkbox"/> Other efforts to increase accessibility
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Universal preschool or expansion of early child care and education slots	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other systems change activities	



# Systems Change Support

## Summary of data collection

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- Complete **one** Systems Change Support data collection tool per funded program in a fiscal year.